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Dear Medicaid-Eligible Recipient:

This letter is to notify you of coming changes to your Medicaid benefits. Beginning on January 1, 2006, Medicare will help pay for your prescription drugs instead of Medicaid, except for a small number of drugs not included in the new Medicare drug benefit. This new benefit is known as Medicare Part D. Medicaid will still pay for your other health care costs that Medicare does not cover.

Wisconsin Medicaid will only continue to cover certain drugs that are excluded from Part D coverage. These drugs are benzodiazepines, barbiturates, and over-the-counter (OTC) drugs currently covered by Wisconsin Medicaid.

Starting January 1, 2006, you will need to take your Medicare Part D card to the pharmacy in order to get your prescriptions filled.

Medicare has contracted with private companies to run Medicare Part D. These private companies are called Medicare drug plans. You may enroll in the Medicare drug plan of your choice. If you do not choose a Medicare drug plan on your own, Medicare will enroll you in a plan.

In the past couple of weeks, you should have also received a letter from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (the federal agency that runs the Medicare program) telling you that your prescription drug coverage is changing. That letter tells you the name of the Medicare drug plan that you will be enrolled in if you do not choose and join a Medicare drug plan on your own by December 31, 2005.

We strongly encourage you to look carefully at the Medicare drug plan that you will be enrolled in to make sure it covers the drugs you take and that you can get your drugs from a pharmacy near you. If it does not cover the drugs you take or if you cannot get your drugs from your preferred pharmacy, you should look at the list of other Medicare drug plans available to you and join a plan that works best for you.

A list of the Medicare drug plans available to you is attached. With any of these plans, you will pay only a small copayment amount each time you fill a prescription covered by the plan. You will not pay a monthly premium or a deductible.

For questions about Medicare Part D or Medicare drug plans, you may contact any of the following:

- The Medicare program at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or www.medicare.gov/.
- Wisconsin Prescription Drug Helpline at 1-866-456-8211 for Medicare beneficiaries age 60 and older with questions about Medicare Part D. This Helpline is sponsored by the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups' Elder Law Center.
- Disability Drug Benefit Helpline at 1-800-926-4862 for persons under age 60 who receive Medicare coverage due to a disability. This Helpline is sponsored by the Wisconsin Coalition for Advocacy.
- Your County Department on Aging if you are age 60 and older and you would like to speak to an elderly benefit specialist.

If you have questions about your Medicaid coverage, please contact Recipient Services at 1-800-362-3002 or 1-608-221-5720.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark B. Moody". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" being more prominent than the last name "Moody".

Mark B. Moody
Administrator

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Attachment

Low Cost Medicare Prescription Drug Plans Available in Wisconsin

As of November 7, 2005, the following plans are available in Wisconsin with **NO** monthly premium. Many of the companies offer other plans, which have similar names, but that charge a premium. Make sure you choose one of the plans listed below if you want a plan with no premium.

| Plan name | Company name | Phone number |
|---|--|---------------------|
| Blue MedicareRx | Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wisconsin | 1(800) 216-5572 |
| DeanCare Rx Classic | Dean Health Insurance, Inc. | 1(888) 422-3326 |
| Humana PDP Standard | Humana, Inc. | 1(800) 851-1629 |
| YOURx PLAN | Medco Health Solutions, Inc. | 1(800) 758-3605 |
| Community Care Rx BASIC (CCRx) | Memberhealth | 1(866) 684-5353 |
| PacifiCare Saver Plan | PacifiCare Life and Health Insurance Company | 1(800) 923-7173 |
| Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan Reg 16 | Pennsylvania Life Insurance Company | 1(800) 765-8900 |
| SilverScript | SilverScript | 1(866) 552-6106 |
| Medicare RX Rewards | Unicare | 1(866) 892-5335 |
| UA Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coverage | United American Insurance Company | 1(866) 524-4169 |
| AARP MedicareRx Plan | United Healthcare | 1(888) 867-5564 |
| United Medicare MedAdvance | United Healthcare | 1(888) 867-5561 |
| WellCare Signature | WellCare | 1(888) 423-5252 |
| WPS Medicare Prescription Drug Plan 1 | WPS Health Insurance | 1(800) 490-5974 |